



# A Proclamation

**Whereas** American Education Week has been observed since 1921 as an opportunity to celebrate public education as a basic right for our students and a shared responsibility; and

**Whereas** by providing young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, public education provides them with the tools they need to preserve our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

**Whereas** our democracy depends on our ability to educate the next generation through the common school, which welcomes all children regardless of their family's income, the color of their skin, their native language, or the educational level of their parents; and

**Whereas** those who work in public education—teachers, administrators, education professionals, bus drivers, and educational support staff, working at the local, regional, and state levels—serve with care and professionalism; and

**Whereas** partnerships among public schools and their communities are a vital part of the responsibility we share for educating our children;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** November 12-18, 2006, be observed as American Education Week: a time to dedicate ourselves to our New Wisconsin Promise, ensuring a quality education for every child.

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

*Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*



  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction